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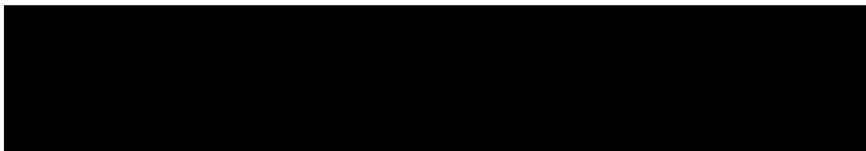
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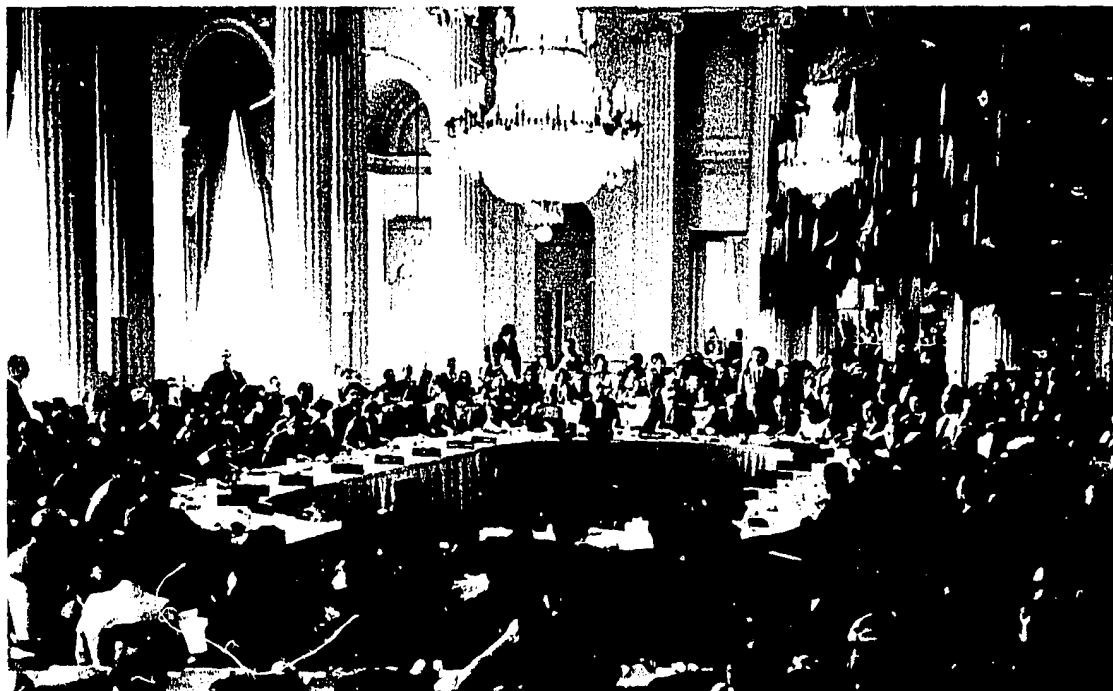
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PREFACE

In May 1975 the Organization of American States, meeting in general assembly, elected a new Secretary General and a new Assistant Secretary General to direct the organization for the next 5 years. Alejandro Orfila, Argentina's Ambassador to the United States, was elected Secretary General on the seventh ballot, taken on 17 May. His candidacy was given impetus on the fourth ballot when the US Government openly declared its support for him. Guatemalan Jorge Zelaya, the new Assistant Secretary General, was elected more easily. He gained election on the first ballot on 14 May. Orfila and Zelaya will take office on 7 July.

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The OAS General Assembly

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